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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring First Niagara Bank upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Corporate Partner of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to this concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor First Niagara Bank upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Corporate Partner of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, to be celebrated at a ceremony on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1908, the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) has provided comprehensive services and programs to residents of the greater Capital Region who are blind or visually impaired; they have helped individuals of all ages across 14 counties adapt to vision loss, maximize remaining vision, achieve their goals, and expand their independence; and

WHEREAS, First Niagara Bank is one of the leading financial institutions in the Capital District; its more than 50 branches and 600 employees in Eastern New York provide important banking services to individuals, families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Committed to giving back to the community, First Niagara Bank exemplifies good corporate citizenship through its significant charitable donations and sponsorships of various non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed company actively participates in dozens of community events annually throughout the Capital Region through its

Employee Volunteer Corp (EVC); and

WHEREAS, At the 2013 NABA charity golf outing, First Niagara Bank provided a number of volunteer coaches for the nine-hole event; the coaches contributed to a successful day out, and ably assisted the blind golfers in positioning the ball on the tee, driving carts, providing yardage, and much more; and

WHEREAS, The NABA is also paying tribute to First Niagara's Eastern New York Regional Banking Director and Market Executive Nina Tyzik; since May 2012, she has ably directed the company's Eastern New York and Tri-State Regions and has been a large part of the company's charitable efforts; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who give of their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor First Niagara Bank upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Corporate Partner of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to First Niagara Bank, and Nina Tyzik, Regional Banking Director and Market Executive.